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In re Application of:

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Filed: October 19, 2001

For: **DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEMS**

(Continuation-In-Part Application of provisional U.S. Patent Application No. No. 60/308,568 filed July 31, 2001 and Continuation-In-Part Application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/587,971 filed June 6, 2000)

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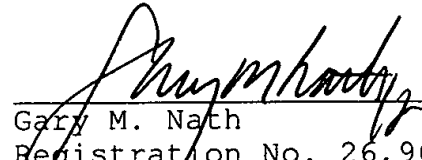
Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

Continuation-In-Part Patent Application consisting of:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Filing Form for CIP U.S. Patent Application;
- (3) CIP Application including:
 - 33 Pages Application Consisting of:
 - 28 Pages of Textual Specification
 - 4 Pages of 24 Claims
 - 1 Page of the Abstract
 - 0 sheets of drawings;
- (4) Preliminary Amendment;
- (5) Unexecuted Declaration;
- (6) Postcard for early notification of serial number.

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FILING FORM

FOR CONTINUING U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

1. This is a Request for filing a
- ☐ Continuation Application under:
 - ☐ 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)
 - ☐ Divisional Application under:
 - ☐ 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(1)
 - ☒ Continuation-In-Part (CIP) application
 - ☒ 37 CFR § 1.53(b)(2)

of **prior** ("parent") application:

Serial No. 09/587,971

Filed: June 6, 2000

Entitled: **ALTERNATE ENCAPSULATION PROCESS AND PRODUCTS
PRODUCED THEREFROM**

and

Provisional Serial No. 60/308,568

Filed: July 31, 2001

Entitled: **ENCAPSULATION PRODUCTS**

2. ☒ Enclosed for application under 37 CFR §§ 1.53(b) are:
- 33 pages of text (specification, claims, abstract)
 - 24 claims
 - 0 sheets of drawings

3. The **present** application names the following inventor(s):

S. Rao CHERUKURI

☒ Newly executed oath or declaration (original or copy) will be submitted at a later date pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.41, 1.53

☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.52 (b))

☐ (37 CFR § 1.53--"CIP") The above-identified application (in which no payment of the Issue Fee, abandonment of or termination of proceedings has occurred) is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application.

The **Total Filing Fee** is calculated as follows:

☐ Enter the Amendment filed in the prior patent application on _____ prior to calculating the filing fee.

☐ Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

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	NUMBER OF CLAIMS FILED		NUMBER OF EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
TOTAL	24	minus 20	4	x9=	36		x18=	
INDEP	1	minus 3	0	x42=	0		x84=	
BASE FILING FEE:				+370=	370		+740=	
xx Multiple Dependent Claims				+140=	0		+280=	0
				TOTAL	406	OR TOTAL		0

☒ Applicant(s) is/are a "small entity". A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status:
☐ was filed in the parent application, and small entity status is still proper and desired ;
☒ is asserted as allowed under 37 CFR § 1.27.

☐ A check including the above-indicated filing fee is enclosed.

___ A Petition for Extension of Time (to keep the parent case pending) is enclosed, with a check including the \$___ extension fee.

___ Assignment document(s) is/are submitted herewith, with a check including the recordation fee of \$40.00 per Assignment.

X No check is enclosed. A Declaration and Power of Attorney will be submitted at a later date pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.41, 1.53, and/or a check for the "Total Filing Fee" calculated above and a surcharge under 37 CFR § 1.16(e).

___ The prior application is assigned of record to_____, the Assignment being recorded on_____, on Reel_____, Frame(s)_____.

___ An original executed Declaration is enclosed.

X Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

 --This application is a nonprovisional Continuation-In-Part Application of provisional U.S. Patent Application No. 60/308,568 filed July 31, 2001 and is a Continuation-In-Part Application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/587,971 filed June 6, 2000, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety. --

___ Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of _____ application(s) _____, filed _____, is hereby claimed. The certified priority paper(s):
 ___ was/were filed in the parent case;
 ___ is/are enclosed herewith;
 ___ will be submitted at a later date.

___ The power of attorney in the prior application is to_____.

___ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

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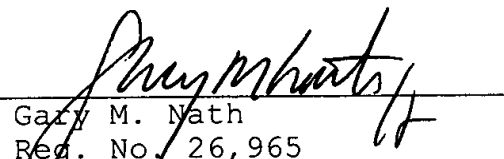
X If extensions of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the parent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned to allow copendency of the parent and the present continuing application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fee deficiency under 37 CFR § 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

— The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-0112. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

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